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PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...if it is accepted, eliminate postsecondary education from the contracts.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. Senator Wesely, is he still in? Oh, good.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR JENSEN: I just got a couple questions. I think it might be helpful to the body. I'm hearing a couple of conflicting stories here. Under what conditions can a welfare recipient receive help on a college education?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, under the proposal, they would have a contract that they would have to sign and so the department would have to agree, so the assumption would be that they would evaluate the capabilities of an individual and the desire of the degree they're working toward and then they would have to agree along with the individual to move forward.

SENATOR JENSEN: Okay. What about before we pass this bill?

SENATOR WESELY: Before?

SENATOR JENSEN: Right now, what do they get?

SENATOR WESELY: Right now, they can go and go into college and receive the ADC benefits and unfortunately, though, they do lose their scholarships. Some of those are counted against their income and so under the law that we passed though and will take effect with the new program, that doesn't happen any longer. So if they win a scholarship, they'll be able to keep it now.

SENATOR JENSEN: Would they be...could they get a Pell grant?

SENATOR WESELY: That's right, they could, I'm not sure of all that they could acquire but part of it has been there has been a disincentive to get any of those grants or loans or scholarships because most of them were written off. I'm not sure if that one